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OFF TO A GOOD START

You're in the Army now. Naturally you want to get off to a good start. If you begin right, the Army will be a grand experience, but if you start wrong, it may be hard for you.

One of the surest ways to start wrong is to show up sick the first few days. If you couldn't help it, no one will hold it against you, but if you went looking for the disease, you won't get much sympathy.

You're now going home for a few days before beginning training. These days were given to let you finish your business affairs and say goodbye to your family and friends. The Army hopes you have a good time while home but expects you back as healthy as you went. When the doctors went over you they

looked for venereal disease. If you come back with either gonorrhea or syphilis they'll know you caught it since your examination.

Just remember that you can't tell what girl is diseased. If she lets you use her, the chances are she's letting someone else also, and if there have been enough "someone elses" she's sure to have been infected. If you fall for such a girl you're taking an awful chance of getting off to a bad start when you report for duty.

So have a good time during these few days, but not so good that you have to pay for it the rest of your life. The Army's a grand place to be, your country needs you, but **DON'T GET OFF TO A BAD START.**

